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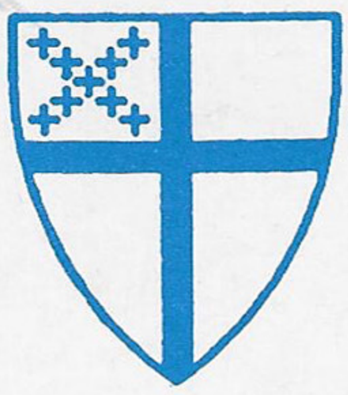
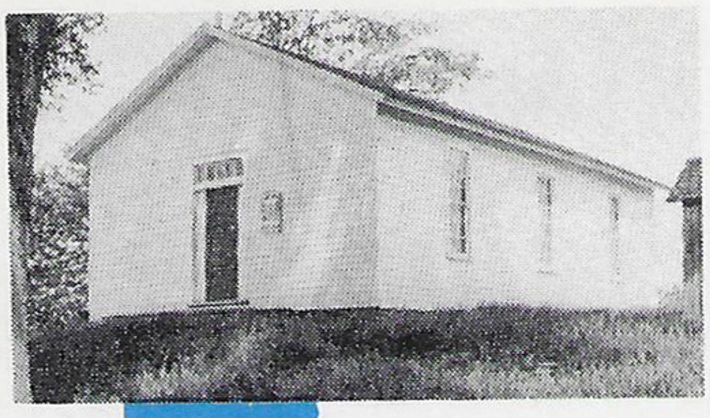


The Church of the Epiphany
Glenburn, Pennsylvania
April 28, 1957



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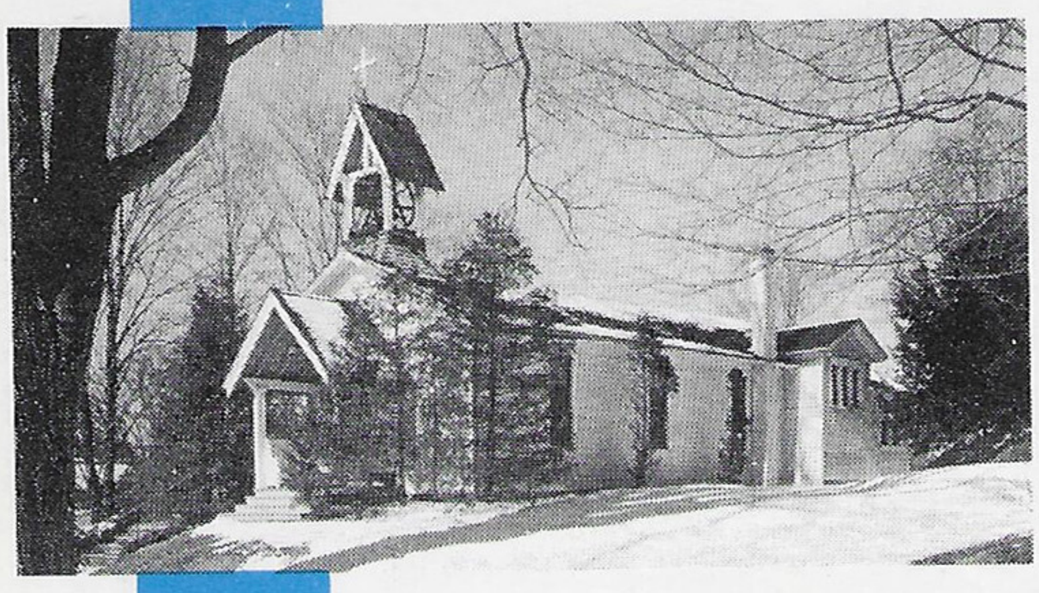

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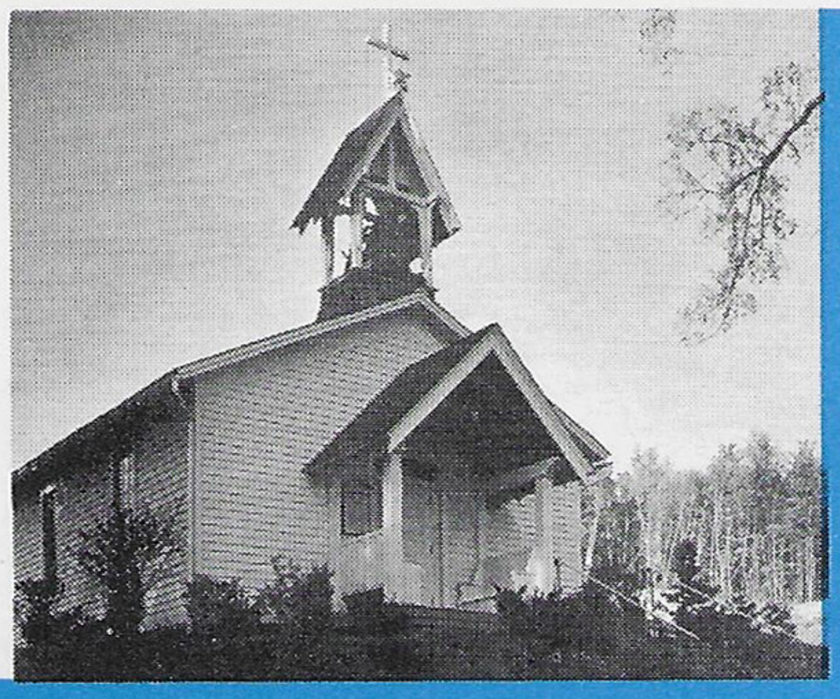
45th Anniversary Celebration

The Church of The Epiphany

April 28, 1957



the heritage of the Church of the Epiphany

ON the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 1912, in the old Glenburn schoolhouse, Mr. Russell Dimmick called together a meeting of people who were interested in providing Episcopal Church services in the Abingtons. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Dimmick, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bunnell, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cheeseman, Mr. Jay Coleman, Mrs. Ada Waite, Miss Pellett, Colonel and Mrs. James W. Oakford and their daughter, Frances.

At this earnest, enthusiastic meeting the group decided to buy the building and to establish a place of worship. Colonel Oakford and Mr. Dimmick advanced the necessary five hundred and fifty dollars. Later the deed to the property was transferred to the parish.

The plank schoolhouse was opened as a chapel April 28, 1912. Eighty people attended the first service conducted by the Reverend John Atkinson. A picture taken in July of that year shows a plaque on the front of the schoolhouse bearing the name "St. John's Memorial Chapel". In 1919, the Reverend Frederick Percival Houghton took over as the first priest of the parish on his return from service as Chaplain of the 109th Regiment. To avoid confusion with two other area churches known as St. John's, the name was changed to the Church of the Epiphany.

Our church building, constructed in 1876 and known as "The Centennial Schoolhouse", was the fourth Glenburn schoolhouse built since the Revolutionary War. At the services communicants knelt on bare floors and sat on the original school benches. A potbellied stove supplied heat on winter days. Soon a chancel, sanctuary and vestibule were added,

45th Anniversary Service

Commemorating the first service of the parish,
five o'clock in the afternoon, April 28, 1912.

The First Sunday after Easter
April 28, 1957
5:00 P.M.

Processional Hymn, 94: *"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

The Order For Evening Prayer

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Hymn 398: *"We Love the Place, O God, Wherein Thine Honor Dwells"*

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Frederick John Warnecke, D.D.
Bishop of Bethlehem

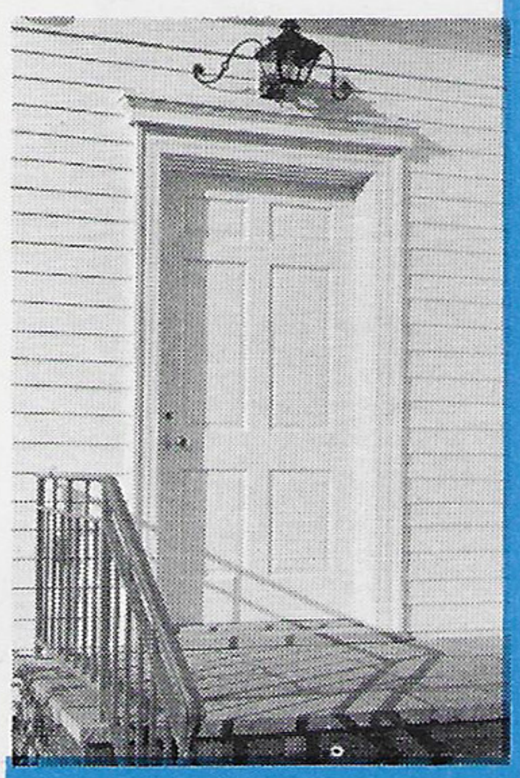
Offertory Anthem — The Choir

Dedication of the 45 Anniversary Modernization Gifts
and the Frederick Percival Houghton Memorial Spire

The Benediction — The Bishop

Recessional Hymn, 568: *"On Our Way Rejoicing, Gladly Let Us Go"*

Our special 45th Anniversary Service Offering this afternoon has been designated by the Vestry to be given to the 1957 diocesan "Builders — Members" fund. Freely have ye received . . . freely give.



the floor was carpeted, the walls papered. In 1919 Colonel Oakford had a porch added as a birthday gift for his wife. William F. Shurtleff gave the bell. A furnace and electric lights were installed. Gradually the old schoolhouse emerged into a less austere place of worship.

First dedicated by Bishop Ethelbert Talbot shortly after the building became a chapel, the Church of the Epiphany was consecrated November 22, 1927 by the Rt. Reverend Frank William Sterrett, D. D., for many years beloved Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem. The Church of the Epiphany has been blessed by the leadership of seven inspiring rectors, each adding to the spiritual and physical growth of the parish. Our first rector, the Reverend Frederick Percival Houghton, will always be appreciated for his unceasing efforts in building the parish house which adds so much to the life of our church.

Under the present rector, the Reverend Joseph Clarkson Mason, in celebration of the 45th Anniversary, members and friends of Epiphany have accomplished the modernization of the Parish House and the enlargement and beautification of the Church itself.

Thus from a humble chapel started in a simple schoolhouse, the Church of the Epiphany has emerged into this beautiful structure forever dedicated to the Glory of God, and extending His blessings throughout the Abingtons.

Planning the 45th Anniversary

The 45th Anniversary Modernization Fund and the Frederick Percival Houghton Memorial Fund grew out of the desire of many for a suitable memorial to our first rector plus the need for improvements to our Church property.

On October 6, 1954 the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen approved a campaign to raise $32,500, subscriptions to be payable over a period of thirty months. The campaign was inaugurated October 29, 1954 at a joint meeting of the Vestry, the Campaign Committee and Solicitors, at which our Bishop, the Rt. Reverend Frederick John Warnecke commended the goal.

Two weeks later a victory meeting of the entire parish was held, at which time total pledges of $33,150 were reported. Subsequently the Anniversary Funds have been augmented to $35,562. In all there have been 232 subscriptions, by 364 individuals.

How the Fund has been Applied

Houghton Memorial & Church Improvements	$18,236.53
Modernization of Parish House	12,639.99
Campaign Expenses	965.87
Collection Expenses — stationery, postage, etc.	103.27
Interest — net	103.24
Total invested to date of Anniversary	32,048.90

the Percy Houghton Memorial

1912 ✝ 1957

IN THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD

COMMEMORATING

FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

AND AS A TRIBUTE TO ITS FIRST RECTOR

THE REV. FREDERICK PERCIVAL HOUGHTON, D.D.

APRIL 28, 1957

The Memorial Tablet

Campaign Committee:

C. Welles Belin	*General Chairman*
Donald A. Gardner	*Vice-Chairman*
Robert T. Smith	*Vice-Chairman*
Richard Little	*Senior Warden*
Joseph C. Mason	*Rector*
Thomas R. Stretton	*Treasurer*
George M. D. Lewis	*Junior Warden*

Women's Committee:

Mrs. Robert J. Connell — *Chairman*
Mrs. Purcell R. Davies
Mrs. Edward B. Mayer

Percy Houghton Memorial Committee:

James A. Linen, Jr. — *Chairman*
Cadwallader Evans, Jr.

Public Relations:

Waldo C. Wright

Bishops
of the Diocese of Bethlehem

1898 - 1928
The Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D.

1928 - 1954
The Rt. Rev. Frank William Sterrett, D. D.

1954 -
The Rt. Rev. Frederick John Warnecke, D. D.

Rectors
of the Church of the Epiphany, Glenburn

November 1, 1919 — November 30, 1927
The Rev. Frederick Percival Houghton, D. D.

December 1, 1927 — July 1929 (died in office)
The Rev. Samuel Ezra Neikirk

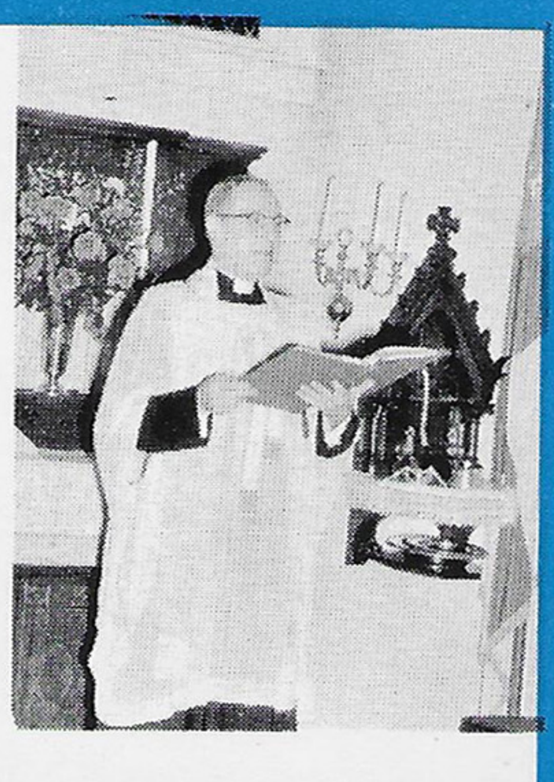
September 1929 — April 1931 (died in office)
The Rev. Horace Wood Stowell

August 1, 1931 — September 1936
The Rev. Edward Gilmore McCance

January 1, 1937 — October 1, 1946
The Rev. W. Paul Thompson

October 15, 1946 — March 15, 1952
The Rev. W. Kirk Cresap

August 1, 1952 —
The Rev. Joseph Clarkson Mason



The Vestry at the time of the Campaign:

C. Welles Belin
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Richard Little
Leland C. Rogers
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Thomas R. Stretton
James R. Wilson

Additional Solicitors who served in the Campaign:

George M. Brittain
W. Lawson Chamberlin
William F. Hallstead
Henry Belin IV
Josiah G. Lewis
Richard Little III
Robert G. Morris
William Morris, Jr.
Henry Null III
George F. Peck
Joseph Rothwell
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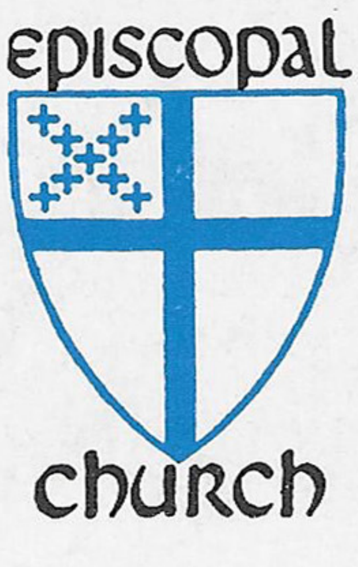
Mrs. James A. Trane
Mrs. Blake Tewksbury

Since the Campaign, James A. Brittain has served as Treasurer of the Funds.

Forty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration Committee:

General Chairman	Mrs. Frank W. Nash
Planning	Rev. Joseph C. Mason Richard Little George M. D. Lewis
Memorial Program & Publicity	Waldo C. Wright William F. Hallstead
Invitations	C. Welles Belin Mrs. Robert T. Smith
Decorations	Mrs. J. Nevin Waugaman Mrs. George M. D. Lewis
Hospitality	Mrs. James A. Linen, Jr.
Hosts	Robert G. Morris
Children's Program	James R. Wilson
Parking	Donald A. Gardner
Secretary	Joseph W. West



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